

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 5-10 are pending in the application, with claims 2-4 having been canceled.

The phrase "eliminating the necessity of a central office of a telephone company" was added to claims 1 and 9-10 in the July 25, 2003 Amendment by mistake. In fact, the same phrase was canceled in the Amendment filed on February 24, 2003. By so amending, no new matter is believed to be added.

**Conclusion**

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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